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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/522,289	Applicant(s) BUDDE ET AL.
	Examiner ALI S. ABYANEH	Art Unit 2137

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED. (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 January 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-166/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02-09-2006
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-15 are presented for examination.

Information Disclosure Statement PTO-1449

2. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted by applicant on 02-09-2006 has been considered. Please see attached PTO-1449.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

It is not clear in the layout of the specification as where the back ground, summary or detailed description starts and ends. Appropriate correction is required.

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.

(d) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96(c)), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821(c)), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.) or REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a). "Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)

(e) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

(1) Field of the Invention.

(2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

(f) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

(g) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).

(h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.

(i) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).

(j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).

(k) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

Claim objections

4. Claim 1-15 are objected to for because of the following informalities:

Claims include numbers referring to the drawing. For more clarity examiner suggests to remove the numbers from the claim language.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hermann et al. (EP 1024626 A1) in view of Coppersmith et al. (EP 0843425).

Regarding claim 1, 14 and 15

Hermann teaches a security system for networks, comprising a first portable unit with a worldwide unambiguous key record provided for short-range information transmission of the key record, and at least one receiving unit in at least one apparatus of the network, comprising a receiver for receiving the key record and an evaluation component of the apparatus for, processing and/or passing on the key record or a part of the key record to a second component (paragraph [0044]-[0046]).

Hermann does not explicitly teach a memory for storing unambiguous key. However, in an analogous art, Coppersmith teaches a memory for storing unambiguous key (column 20, line 23). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Hermann to include a memory for storing a key. This would have been obvious because person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to do so since storing key in the memory for further retrieval and use is well known and widely used in the art.

Regarding claim 2-4

Hermann furthermore teaches a security system characterized in that the first unit comprises a triggering unit for triggering a short-range transmission of the key record; upon a user's approach to the receiving unit, a detector unit in the unit is provided for triggering the short-range information transmission of the key record; and a key generator is provided in the first unit or in a second unit for generating a sequence of guest key records (paragraph [0019]-[0020]).

Regarding claim 5-7

Hermann furthermore teaches a security system , characterized in that the first unit is provided for transmitting a guest key record upon activation of a second triggering unit; a security system, characterized in that the key record and the guest key record each consist of a bit sequence; and a security system, characterized in that the

first unit is a part of an apparatus, particularly a remote control unit (paragraph [0021]-[0022]).

Regarding claim 8 and 9

Hermann furthermore teaches a security system, characterized in that the key record is supplied during or before a network configuration, particularly an automatic network configuration, of an apparatus; and a security system, characterized in that the key record and the guest key record comprise characterizing bits which are provided for distinguishing between key records and other bit sequences and characterize bit sequences as key record or as guest key record (paragraph [0044]).

Regarding claim 10 and 11

Hermann furthermore teaches a security system, characterized in that the apparatus is provided for erasing-the guest key record; and a security system, characterized in that the apparatus is provided for authentication and encryption of useful data to be transmitted between the apparatuses of the network by means of a key comprised in the key record (paragraph [0020]-[0021]).

Regarding claim 12 and 13

Hermann furthermore teaches a security system, characterized in that the apparatus is a powerline communication apparatus; and a powerline communication network (paragraph [0044]).

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ali Abyaneh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7961. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from (8:00-5:00). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on **(571) 272-3865**. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned as (571) 273-8300 Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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